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## Comment and Criticism.

WE hear from New Brunswick that there is considerable dissatisfaction in some quarters there over a district order limiting the strength for drill this year to thirty-seven officers and men per company. It appears that a number of captains of city companies had been making special exertions to turn out with full ranks in honor of the jubilee year, and these would naturally be much put out at having, at the eleventh hour, to dispense with some of the men whom, by means of voluntary drills, they had just got into presentable shape.

IT is said a spirit of economy prompted the order, and also that without this reduction it would have been impossible to incur the extra expense consequent upon having a company of the I. S. C. attend at the district camp. The benefit derivable by the rest of the camp from the presence and example of a well drilled and disciplined company of the permanent force, is such that their attendance should certainly be secured. It is a pity, however, that ways and means could not have been devised to turn out the Infantry School Corps without causing vexation and disappointment to zealous officers and men of the volunteer force.

A SHOOTING man, whose letter, signed "Martini," will be found in our correspondence columns, wants to know what Snider ammunition will be used at the D. R. A. meeting this year. We can give him the information. It will be the 1887 make of the Quebec cartridge factory, with brass coiled shells, and will be served out by the register

keepers at the butts, to be taken by the competitors "for better for worse." We wouldn't like to venture too positive an opinion, but think it safe to say that the ammunition will do its duty tolerably well. Some excellent shooting has been made with it this season.

THE Canadian rifle team went into camp at their old quarters, Wimbledon common, on Saturday last, after having had a week's practice at Cambridge. The N. R. A. shooting in the Wimbledon competitions commenced on Monday. On Tuesday the 200 yards range, the first of the initial stage of the Queen's prize competition was fired; the 500 yards range on Wednesday, and the 600 yards, completing the first stage, is in progress to-day. The whole competition will be over before another issue of this paper, the third and last stage, at 800 and 900 yards, being set down for Tuesday next. On Wednesday the Kolapore cup match, the event of greatest interest to Canadians, takes place. Interesting particulars concerning the colonial teams entered for this competition, together with other details of the N. R. A. meeting, will be found in another place in this issue.

THE Fortieth Battalion, one of those which attended the district camp recently held at Kingston, attracted not a little favorable attention there, particularly in connection with the presentation of colors to the corps by the ladies of Northumberland. It was strong in numbers, well drilled and in equipment could score some points over the majority of Canadian corps, as for headgear serviceable white helmets were worn, these having been generously provided by the officers at their own expense. The government uniform has been similarly supplemented by officers and men of many other corps—in fact by nearly all of those maintained in the cities. We would like to see the necessity for such a tax removed. It is enough that the members of the militia force should give their time to preparing themselves for efficiently serving in defence of their country without being called upon to contribute from their private purses for necessary articles of equipment.

THE regulations under which the Queen's pardon is to be applied to cases of desertion and fraudulent enlistment have been published and the fact of the granting of the pardon is now being advertised in the daily papers in the principal cities of Canada as well as the other parts of the empire. The proclamation extends to all classes of offenders under the enlistment clauses of the Army Act, provided, however, that the offence was committed before the date of its publication, and the surrender or confession is made within two months, if at home, or four months, if abroad. The offenders are to report themselves in writing to the officer commanding the regiment in the case of the guards and cavalry, and the regimental district in the case of the line. Men who enlisted more than ten years ago, or who have been absent for five years, or who are physically unfit for service, will not be required to rejoin, but will be granted "protecting certificates." Full information is given as to the course commanding officers are to pursue in dealing with the several classes of offenders; and it is enjoined that the men are not to be subject to stoppages on account of free kits or of articles lost

or made away with at the time of desertion. Deserters and fraudulent enlistees are to forfeit all previous service; but in all other respects the pardon is to be full and free.

UPON this subject the *Broad Arrow* has the following timely comment:—"We have not the slightest objection to the extension of the Queen's pardon to deserters and the like on the occasion of her jubilee, but it is unfortunate that circumstances only seem to permit of a favor being granted to the law-breakers in the army. If these are entitled to consideration at this jubilee time, how much more deserving of some recognition are those who have steadily and faithfully served the Crown without offence."

DURING the progress of the fire at the Quebec citadel last week, there appears to have been a panic amongst residents of the vicinity who had become possessed of the idea that the powder magazine was in danger. Had it been they might well fly to escape disaster. But such was not the case. The magazine is absolutely proof against the penetration of fire, no matter how fierce, which may rage round about it. The elevated situation of the burned buildings made the fire appear to be much worse than it really was. The stables, however, are admitted by all to have been in a very bad position, and it is safe to say that some other site will be found for them when reconstructed.

#### Personal.

MAJOR R. A. CROPLEY, District Paymaster and Superintendent of Stores for the Province of Prince Edward Island, went out with a detachment of the 97th (or "Earl of Ulster's") Regt., and the mayor of the city in which the regiment was then stationed, on the 27th of June, 1838, to proclaim the Queen's coronation. Major Cropley was at the time a non-commissioned officer. He is going into camp in Charlottetown on the 27th of this month—still serving the Queen after an unbroken and honorable connection with the army extending over fifty years. There are few men in Canada with such a remarkable record as this. Before Confederation the gallant old major occupied the position of Inspector of the Volunteer Brigade of Prince Edward Island, and since then he has been on the district staff. The old veteran is now the senior major, but two, in the Dominion; and is yet, we are happy to say, as active, erect, and soldierly in appearance as the best of them.—*Fredericton Capital*.

Among the names appearing in the *Canada Gazette* last issued, of those to whom the Governor-General has ordered commissions to issue under "The Revised Statutes of Canada," chap 19, intitled "An Act respecting Public Officers," is that of Sir Frederick Dobson Middleton, K.C.M.G., C.B., and a major-general in the army; as Major-General Commanding the Militia of Canada, from 23rd May, 1884.

A compliment, that will doubtless be appreciated, has just been paid by Lord Dufferin, Viceroy of India, to the Burniah field force. Two officers from native regiments serving with the force are to join His Excellency's staff at Simla as extra aides-de-camp.

#### On The Horse Guards' Parade.

A Canadian officer now in London sends us the following interesting description of one of the great sights of London on last Queen's birthday—on the Horse Guards' parade:

"For the first time in many years the celebration of the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday took place all over England on the 24th of May; notably in London, by the usual trooping of the Queen's color by the Household Brigade on the Horse Guards' Parade. This is a ceremony looked forward to with great avidity by all London, and it is sure to bring out the choicest of the troops, and in addition one of the most aristocratic gatherings of the season. The Parade is of an irregular shape. The line is formed on its longest side, the rear being on a part of the park. The Duke of York column is in the immediate rear. The centre is opposite to the archway of the Horse Guards, from the windows of which a balcony stands out, occupied by H. R. H. the Princess of Wales and her interesting daughters, as well as privileged members of the aristocracy. Numerous stools are erected round the parade; these are filled by invited guests. As the hour named (an early one—ten a.m.) approaches, every available inch of ground is occupied by those who have not been fortunate enough to receive invitation to occupy the

stands, all impatient for a view of as fine a military spectacle, save in numbers, as can be seen in any capital in Europe. As time advances, into the arena march the actors in the coming parade, first three companies of the Scots Guards, three companies of the Grenadiers, and lastly, two companies of the Coldstream Guards, each regiment headed by its band. Through a side approach debouch a troop of the 1st Life Guards, their band preceding them arrayed in their state uniforms of cloth of gold. The line is soon formed, the Life Guards being on the right but at right angles to the Foot Guards. The bands of the Household Brigade are massed. The drum-majors, dressed in their state uniforms of cloth of gold, their heads adorned with velvet jockey caps, place themselves at equal distances in front of the unsurpassed bands of musicians whose movements they control. The drummers and fifers have moved across to a position facing the bands. The Queen's color is in its proper place on the left of the line, under charge of the senior sergeant-major. The line at open order await the coming of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. As the clock commences to strike the hour of ten, the wheeling back of a company, the heaving of the dense crowd in the rear, the loud cheers proclaim his entrance. Accompanying are the Duke of Cambridge (in the Guards uniform), surrounded and preceded by a brilliant staff of officers, many foreign ones among the number. On reaching the centre of the line the Royal party halt, and a Royal salute at once follows. Then an inspection of the line, the band playing a march in the style that only such a band can. It is most interesting to note the members of that staff renowned in the history of the British army and its achievements as they pass in front of the Brigade.

Now commences the principal part of the performance. In all its steps nothing occurs to mar its beauty; it is finished as it commenced, in perfect keeping with all the surroundings. Mention must be made of the performance of the bands as they marched to and fro; their music could not be surpassed, and was a source of great delight to the listeners. It must not be forgotten that after the Life Guards had walked past, the Foot Guards passed the reviewing point in slow time, a movement seldom performed, save by the Brigade. It is impossible to describe the Life Guards; each officer and man is a picture by himself—such men, such horses, and the style in which they turn out, claim the highest admiration. Now for a word for the foot soldiers. In their way they stand unrivalled as infantry. The 600 men on parade were a very fine body of men, but to an onlooker who has a memory of what Guardsmen were fifty years ago, the comparison is in favor of the old ones. Now the trooping is coming to an end, an advance in line, a Royal salute, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and his staff leave, a roll or two of a drum, the Guards are formed up, the Queen's Guard, which goes to St. James' Palace, headed by the massed band, march off. The Life Guards, with their gorgeously arrayed band, move off to their barracks. In a very short space of time the square is emptied of its dense crowd. All that remains to the spectators, as they go their respective ways, is the pleasing recollection of a sight that can only be witnessed on the Horse Guards' Parade.

#### The Brigade Camp at Kingston.

NEWS of the brigade camp for District No. 3, may prove to be interesting to some of the readers of the MILITIA GAZETTE; so, with your permission, Mr. Editor, I will try to depict its outlines:—

A nicer or prettier spot could not have been found for camping than the one selected at Kingston. The infantry at the camp were located in the outer enclosing of the Military College ground, and the artillery and cavalry in Barriefield Common.

Beautiful Lake Ontario close at hand surrounding the camp, seemed to delight in the kind hospitality it was giving to our boys. Constantly it kept caressing us with its best cool breezes, and the views and scenery of its islands and horizons that the lake had kept in store for us were delightful to contemplate.

The nights were delicious but so cool that I often shivered with my heavy undress jacket on, and the men frequently complained of not having sufficient covering—one blanket is issued per man.

The parade ground being level, and the grass cut, the movements of the troops were thus facilitated. Opportunities for skirmishing were afforded and taken advantage of about the hills and broken ground of the surroundings of Fort Henry.

Owing to the illness and subsequently to the sad death of Mrs. Villiers, wife of the D. A. G., the command of the camp fell to the next senior officer, Col. Boulton, of the 3rd troop of cavalry.

The corps of infantry were the 48th, the 45th and 46th battalions; the latter being the regiment of the late Lieut.-Col. Williams, now commanded by Lieut.-Col. Benson, of Port Hope. There were four troops of cavalry and three batteries of artillery; also, A Battery formed part of the brigade. The above corps were all in camp on the evening of the 21st ultimo

The 40th battalion was in full strength, the 45th nearly so, and the 46th was about forty men short, owing, I believe, to the small district they had to recruit from. Several officers of this last battalion were absent; consequently the remaining officers had to perform double duty.

The following were the hours for parade: 5.30 a.m., *réveille* and gun fire; 6.30 to 8 morning parade; 9.30 guard mounting; 10 to 12 drill; 2 to 4 p.m., battalion drill, 7.30 retreat; 9.30 first post and gun fire; 10 last post; 10.15 lights out.

I found it a very good plan to detail seven men instead of six for the regimental guard, and to excuse the cleanest man from parade for that day. It was wonderful how that new ordeal proved effectuous; several times two men had to draw lots, as it was impossible to find a single flaw in their dress or equipment, even to the buttons.

The first few days were devoted to squad and company drill, with, of course, the usual ludicrous mistakes and awkward movements; helmets cocked on the side of the head with plates to the rear; forage caps stuck firmly on the top of the head; bayonets hanging on the wrong side, etc. But when you come to consider that a great number of these men never carried a rifle before, the mistakes are accounted for.

Thursday morning, on the 23rd, the first detachment went to the rifle range; twenty rounds of ball cartridge were issued to each man. Taken altogether, the scoring was very fair; several companies averaging 30 out of a possible 80, some of the men, though, succeeded in scoring 60 points.

On Saturday afternoon there was a brigade parade, ending up by a march through the city, the boys returning from their dusty tramp about 6 o'clock, feeling thirsty and hungry and glad to be *at home* again.

On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the men—of all denominations—paraded for Divine service. Three hundred Episcopalians under command of Col. Boulton were marched to St. George cathedral, headed by the band of the 45th, the Cadets of the Military College also joined this parade. Two hundred and fifty Presbyterians and three hundred Methodists with different bands were marched to their respective churches, the Roman Catholics, numbering twenty-five, were marched to their own church with the artillery band.

On Monday afternoon we paraded at 2.30 in review order for inspection by the major-general, who arrived sharp on time and made a minute inspection of the ranks. We then marched past in column and quarter-column, and for men—as far as I could see—who had but a few days at instruction, their marching and wheeling were very good.

Then the troops were formed into a square, the 40th in the centre. This movement was made to do honor to the latter regiment which was presented with new colors by Mrs. Oliver, wife of the commandant of the Royal Military College, on behalf of the ladies of Bowmanville, the battalion's headquarters. This military ceremony was a pretty sight indeed and very impressive. A pretty and very appropriate speech was delivered to us by Rev. Mr. Carey, and the different bands completed the touching and imposing ceremony with the National Anthem. Immediately afterwards, the General presented a number of clasps to some officers and men of the late Midland battalion, for the campaign of the Northwest in 1885.

The following days were devoted to ordinary camp routine until the 30th of June, when we had a grand Jubilee march to the city, in which joined behind a numerous crowd until our procession reached the Park, where we were drawn up in quarter-column facing north, and while the men stood easy and refreshed themselves a splendid oration was delivered by Mr. John McIntyre, Q.C., and a chorus composed of about four hundred school children sang beautifully.

On Dominion Day, at 10 a.m., we were to have a review, for which we were delayed somewhat by the 14th, which joined us about 11 and formed up on the extreme left of the infantry brigade. We were then supposed to fire a *feu de joie*, but failed beautifully; however, the last round was not so bad. After having given three cheers, we marched past in column and quarter-column, the 46th excelling, if I can judge by the great cheering its appearance called forth from the spectators. The commanding officers were then called out by the commandant of the camp, who complimented them in a neat little speech, on their own efficiency and good work and that of their men. We could see that the commandant, by the way he spoke, and by the look of contentment which was playing on his martial face, was really pleased with us, and that his compliments were sincere and prompted by conviction. We were then dismissed, thus ending the annual drill of 1887.

That same afternoon, at 6 o'clock, the tents were struck, baggage neatly piled and the grounds cleared, soon losing their military appearance. The men then indulged in games and sports of all kinds until 9.45, when we marched out to the train in which we embarked *en route* for our respective homes.

Two of our officers had this year their jubilee, Cols. Boulton and Cubitt, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their military life. They

were entertained and feasted by the officers of the different corps in camp.

On the 29th, we had the pleasure to witness at the Military College the closing exercises of the cadets and the distribution of prizes. The cadets, on that occasion, did things exceedingly well, and the commandant did us the honor of the hospitality of the college in a princely way.

Before ending, I would like to suggest that the hours for the afternoon parade, namely, from 2 to 4, be changed and fixed at 4 to 6 on account of men often falling out owing to the extreme heat during that part of the day.

Some other time, with your permission, Mr. Editor, I may venture to make some other practical suggestions, but, not wishing to abuse the hospitality of your valuable paper, I will now close here.

E. W. HUBBELL.

#### PRESENTATION OF COLORS.

The following interesting account of the presentation of colors to the 40th Batt., as mentioned in the above letter, is extracted from the *Kingston Whig*:

"After the march past the cadets walked off the field, and the remainder of the troops formed a hollow square on three sides. The cavalry was formed up on the right and left. The infantry was ranged in quarter-column, with the 40th Batt. in the centre. When the troops had been got into their proper position a very interesting ceremony took place, the presentation of colors to the 40th Batt. by Mrs. Oliver, wife of Colonel Oliver, R.A., commandant of the Royal Military College. The spectators eagerly sought prominent positions, and surrounded the commanding officers. The staffs bearing the colors, two flags—one the regimental colors and the other the Queen's colors—were crossed over a pyramid of drums opposite the 40th Batt. The staff officers of the corps stood in front of the lines. Silence prevailed for a moment, and Rev. Mr. Carey, wearing a white surplice, dark cape, and mortar board, swept through the spectators in the company of Rev. Mr. Cooke, of St. George's cathedral, and took up a position in front of the colors. Rev. Mr. Carey consecrated them. He did not recite the usual service, but one specially prepared.

After the service Mrs. Oliver said, in clear and distinct tones, 'Lt.-Col. Rogers and officers and men of the 40th Batt., this is one of the happiest moments of my life, to have the opportunity of presenting these colors to your regiment on behalf of the ladies of the County of Northumberland. I feel confident that if the colors are ever carried into action the members of the regiment will do honor to them and themselves.'

Senior Major Gravely handed the colors, a Union Jack, to Mrs. Oliver, and Major Bonnycastle gave her the regimental colors, a very pretty flag, made of blue silk, fringed with gold, and having in the centre a handsomely worked badge, bearing the words '40th Battalion, Excelsior, XL.' Mrs. Oliver then presented Lieut. Wilson, No. 7 Co., with the regimental colors, and to Lieut. Given, No. 3 Co., the Queen's colors.

On behalf of the regiment, Lt.-Col. Rogers replied: 'To receive these colors is one of the pleasantest events that it has been my pleasure to experience during my past 21 years' service in the 40th Batt., and in doing so I truly express the profound gratitude and satisfaction that all members of the regiment feel in receiving this token of esteem and confidence from the ladies of the county. We are particularly pleased to receive the handsome Queen's colors in this jubilee year of the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, and we feel a just pride in being entrusted with this national banner thus properly consecrated to her service. I tender the loyal devotion of the regiment to maintain its integrity and honor. We are pleased to see, beautifully represented in the other flag, the crest and motto of our regiment, and the sight of this handsome regimental color, with the motto 'Excelsior,' will ever be an incentive to us to strive unceasingly to excel in everything pertaining to our discipline and efficiency. Our best thanks are due to you, Mrs. Oliver, for kindly undertaking to represent the donors on this occasion, and we will bear a kindly remembrance of the graceness and courtesy shown by you in the presentation.'

The regiment then presented arms, and three cheers were given for the Queen."

During the rebellion T. Buchanan Read, the poet, was sitting in Col. Forney's room when the editor began to dictate a vigorous editorial in which the word "war" was used. Read sprang up at the sound and exclaimed, "War! war! Oh, that some beautiful bird from the South would make its nest in the cannon's mouth and stop this awful carnage!"—*Baltimore American*. A robin has built a nest in the mouth of one of the Parrott guns that ornament the burial plot of the Maquoketa (Iowa) Grand Army post—a picture of peace which it would be difficult to improve upon. *Omaha Bee*.

**British Columbia Rifle Association.**

THE fourteenth annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association will be held at the Clover Point Range, Victoria, on Wednesday the 20th inst., and following days. A synopsis of the interesting programme to be then carried out is given below. The rifles used will be the short Snider, where not otherwise specified :

COMPETITION No. 1.—Open to members of the association. Range 200 yards; 7 shots; entrance 50 cents. 1st prize, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$3; three of \$2.50.

No. 2.—Nanaimo Corporation Prize—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the mayor and council of Nanaimo, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 3.—Lieutenant-Governor's Cup.—Open to members of the active militia of the military district, and to officers retired therefrom retaining rank. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup presented by the Hon. C. F. Cornwall, late lieutenant-governor, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 4.—New Westminster Stakes.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the citizens of New Westminster, and \$12.50; 2nd prize, "Occident Challenge Cup," presented by the late J. Howison, and \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cups to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitors.

No. 5.—Victoria Corporation Match.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the mayor and council of Victoria, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; four prizes of \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 6.—Laurie Bugle Match.—To be competed for by teams of ten members of the active militia, selected respectively from Victoria and New Westminster. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; 5 rounds at each; Snider rifle, Government issue; entrance, \$2.50 each team; winning team, each \$4. The locality winning this silver bugle, presented by Major-General Laurie, late D. A. G., to hold a local competition amongst the several corps there established, of ten men from each corps, under the above conditions as to rifles, rounds and distances. The bugle to be held by the winning team for the year.

No. 7.—Chapleau Challenge Cup.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup presented by Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; 4th, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 8.—Association Stakes.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$5; four prizes of \$2.

No. 9.—All Comers' Match.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 5 shots at each; any rifle; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50.

No. 10.—Consolation Prizes.—Open as in No. 1 to those who have not won a prize at this meeting to the value of \$5, and who have competed in not less than three matches. Range, 400 yards; 7 shots; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$10; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; three prizes of \$2.50.

No. 11.—Militia Aggregates.—Open to all efficient members of this military district, who are reported by their commanding officers as efficient under the regulations for the annual drill of 1886-87. Entrance fee, 50 cents. Prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregate scores at 500 and 600 yards, in competitions Nos. 3, 5 and 8. 1st prize, the Governor-General's silver medal; 2nd prize, the Governor-General's bronze medal.

No. 12.—Grand Aggregate Prizes.—Open as in No. 3 to the highest aggregate scores in competitions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. Entrance fee, \$2. 1st prize, the D.C.R.A. silver medal, gold badge of the B. C. rifle association, and \$15; 2nd prize, silver badge of the B. C. rifle association and \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; two prizes of \$5. The highest aggregate scores made by n.c.o's. and men of the active militia of the military district to determine the provincial team to take part in the Dominion matches at Ottawa this year.

**The Wimbledon Meeting.**

THE annual prize meeting of the National rifle association opened at Wimbledon on Monday of this week. The Canadian team went into camp at the usual quarters on Saturday last, after having had a week's practice at Cambridge. This is about all that has been heard of the team on this side since they sailed from Quebec on the 23rd ult. The Canadian twenty are those named in the MILITIA GAZETTE some weeks ago, with the exception that Sergt. Goudie of the 8th having found it impossible to go, the vacancy thus created has been filled by Lieut. Smith of the 71st.

The magnitude of the meeting is something hardly realized by those who have not visited the common. The following statement of the number of entries for the principal matches this year and last may give some idea of this. It will be observed that there is this year a considerable increase. The figures given are up to the first closing dates, but there are always post entries:

Queen's	1886	1887	Inc	Windmill	1886	1887	Inc
St. George's	2,380	2,419	39	Daily Telegraph	1,523	1,567	44
Alexandra	2,283	2,315	32	All Comers' Aggregate	1,604	1,616	12
Alfred	1,596	1,655	59	Volunteer Aggregate	1,071	1,139	68
Martins	1,241	1,389	48	Grand Aggregate	1,241	1,319	78
	1,483	1,567	84		1,018	1,083	65

**COLONIAL TEAMS.**

Besides the Canadians, colonial teams from India and from Cape Colony will this year be entered for the Kolapore cup competition, to shoot against the mother country team. Of the prospects for the Indian team the *Broad Arrow* says: There will be a sufficient number of good men from India on the commission in connection with the

Indian volunteer team for the great meeting at Wimbledon to warrant expectation of creditable results. Nearly all of them took part in the series of competitions arranged for the selection of a team, namely, six separate monthly matches at 200, 500 and 600 yards (the Kolapore cup ranges), and the final competition confined to the thirty competitors who had obtained the best aggregate scores. As between three and four hundred of the best volunteer marksmen in India, from South Coorg to Rawul Pindi and Rangoon, were engaged in the competitions, the results should afford a fair guarantee that the men selected are steady and reliable marksmen. The five members of the team chosen in this way are:—Capt. Tickner, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, Lahore; Lieut. T. M. English, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Bombay; Sergt. Jenkins, E. I. Railway Volunteers, Jamalpore (Bengal); Sergt. Millard, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, Rawul Pindi; and Color-Sergt. Maher, Rangoon Volunteers, Rangoon. A second Bombay man, Q.-Master-Sergt. Watkins, shot into a place, but was unfortunately unable to obtain leave. Besides the five named, three others who took part in the competitions (and who had gained places, if the funds had permitted of the original idea of sending ten men being carried out), are going at their own cost, namely:—Col. Sergt. Hepburn, Poona Volunteers, Kirkee; Capt. Macpherson, B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers, Ghadechi, Kattywar; and Lieut. Whitehead, Calcutta Volunteers, Calcutta. Further, Major Browne, Calcutta Volunteers, a well-known member of the old Northern India Rifle Association, a capital shot, and himself a member and warm supporter of the Indian Volunteer Rifle Association; Capt. Rickie, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, a rival of Capt. Lamb and Lieut. Hayden, the N. I. R. A. and W. I. R. A. champions; and Capt. Phillips, Poona Volunteers, who is well known amongst shooting volunteers in India, will, we hear, be on the spot and available. For the Kolapore Cup, the only team match for which the Indian volunteers can compete, eight men are required, and the above list shows eleven "good men and true" to select from. They are all entered for the chief individual matches, including the Queen's and St. George's Vase; and some (including Lieut. Whitehead, who won the N. R. A. medal at the Poona "big meeting" in 1881) are entitled to shoot for the Prince of Wales's prize. Major Browne will be captain of the team, and Lieut. Whitehead adjutant. Some changes will be made in last year's arrangements; for instance, the team will probably live out of camp and thus avoid the discomforts of wet beds, etc., which were a subject of complaint last year. If they are only fortunate enough to have fine weather, the team should do well.

A Port Elizabeth correspondent of the *Volunteer Service Gazette* says of the Cape Colony team: The long talked-about subject of the Cape Colony being represented at Wimbledon by a team of riflemen has at last assumed a practical form. The several volunteer corps of the colony have subscribed £700, and the Government have arranged to grant £300, which brings the total amount to £1,000. The steamship (Union) company have also acted very liberally in the matter by offering to convey the team to and from England at the reasonable charge of £35 per man. The final qualification match for places in the team was fired at Knib's River on Thursday, May 26, last. The conditions of the match were the same as for the Queen's prize, 1886. There were eighteen entries in the competition, and following are the full scores of the ten selected to represent the colony:—

FIRST STAGE.—Distance 200, 500 and 600 yards (aggregate.) Number of shots, seven at each distance.

Gunner Bosenberg, P A O V A	32	33	27	92	Private Campbell, C T H	27	29	30	86
Arm-Sergt D Menzies, C T H	28	33	30	91	Lieut Webster, D E O V R	28	28	26	82
Sergt Grant, P A O V A	33	28	30	91	Capt Art, D E O V R	27	27	24	78
Lieut Gracie, D E O V R	29	32	29	90	Stf-Sergt Clarry, P A G	25	24	25	74
Sergt Orchard, D E O V R	20	27	30	87	Major Inglesby, P A O V A	25	25	24	74

The highest score in this stage last year was 96 points. The "Kolapore Cup," fired for by a team of eight men, under the same conditions, was taken last year with a score of 666 points, an average of 83.25. The eight highest scores of those finally selected to go home averaged 87.12.

SECOND STAGE.—Distances, 500 and 600 yards; ten shots at 500, and 15 at 600 yards. The following are the scores at this stage, the grand total representing the aggregate for this together with the first stage.

	F.S.	500	600	Tl.		F.S.	500	600	Tl.
Lieut Gracie	90	39	68	197	Lieut Webster	82	41	61	184
Pte Campbell	86	42	64	192	Capt Art	78	44	58	180
Sergt Grant	91	45	56	192	Sergt Orchard	87	37	54	178
Gunner Bosenberg	92	37	57	186	Stf-Sergt Clarry	74	41	61	176
Arm-Sergt Menzies	91	45	50	186	Major Inglesby	74	39	56	169

The highest score in this stage last year was 194 points. Lieut. Gracie, who took premier position from this point, put on a splendid score of 68 points out of a possible 75 at the 600 yards range. The competition was then continued to the

THIRD STAGE.—Distances, 800 and 900 yards; number of shots, ten at each distance. The places of the competitors to be decided by their aggregate scores in the three stages, the first ten being selected to represent the colony. The following are the scores at this range, together with the aggregate for the whole competition at the three ranges:

	S.S.	800	900	Tl.		S.S.	800	900	Tl.
Capt. Gracie	197	42	37	276	Staff-Sergt. Clarry	176	39	21	236
Sergt. Grant	192	31	34	257	Pte. Gilder	165	37	30	232
Sergt. Orchard	178	41	36	255	L.-Corpl. Pack	167	40	25	232
Pte. Campbell	192	28	33	253	Q.-M.-Sergt. Ponton	163	28	40	231
Arm-Sergt. Menzies	186	38	28	222	Lieut. Searle	167	34	30	231
Lieut. Webster	184	34	32	256	Sergt. A. Menzies	183	23	25	231
Gr. Bosenberg	186	35	29	250	Corpl. Preston	167	34	27	228
Capt. Art	180	32	33	245	Pte. Woodhead	165	36	24	225
Major Inglesby	169	38	29	236	Sergt. McAlister	164	29	16	209

The highest aggregate made last year was 255 points, there being three competitors with that total. The result of the above shooting shows that in the team for England the Duke of Edinburgh Rifles are represented by four—Capts. Gracie and Art, Lieut. Webster, and Sergt. Orchard; the P.A.O.V. artillery by three—Major Inglesby, Sergt. Grant, and Gunner Bosenberg; the Cape Town Highlanders by two—Arm-Sergt. Menzies and Pte. Campbell; and the Prince Alfred's Guard by Staff-Sergt. Clarry.

Although not a very distant neighbor, the republic of Venezuela is little known to Northern Americans. A land of perpetual summer, it presents many and varied attractions to the tourist which are to be pleasantly set forth by Dr. W. F. Hutchinson in *The American Magazine* for August, with a portrait of the renowned Venezuelan President, General Guzman Blanco.

Recent methods of education form the subject of an essay by Col. I. Edwards Clarke, to appear in the next number of *The American Magazine*. Col. Clarke's connection with the Bureau of Education at Washington enables him to give a trustworthy review of the changes which he regards as the beginning of a new era.

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## Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

### A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE RIDEAU BOG—THE SNIDER AMMUNITION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—Now that we have the D.R.A. programmes before us and have gone through each item, it is with pleasure that one notices the removal of the burdensome and unmilitary like packs from the backs of those competing in the military matches. So far, so good, Mr. Editor. But what about the bog through which we had to wade last year? Are the D.R.A. doing anything to fill it in, and thus permit the skirmishers to go through dry shod? We went in up to our waists last year, coming out covered with green slime and mud, and wet through to boot.

There ought to be, if there is no, sufficient fair play about the executive of the D.R.A. to know that those compelled to go through the bog are by long odds handicapped, because the bog happens at the point where every shot fired should be placed well in.

And now to return to the old cry about ammunition. It is the hope of those purposing going up to the fall meeting that the Snider issued there will be of an improved issue to what we are using—1887. As far as one can see, the reports contained in your pages show poor scoring for Snider shooting. We would like to know something of what we are to use.

“RECORDS OF OUR MILITIA CORPS, IX—THE SIXTH FUSILIERS.”

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—Kindly correct a couple of typographical errors in my letter in your last issue and oblige: 1st. *Holtsville* should read *Stottsville* (a small place upon Rouse's Point section of G. T. Ry.) 2nd. “Capt. Pettigrew omits to mention the battalion is doing duty under pay in 1869,” should read “Capt. Pettigrew omits to mention the battalion as doing duty, &c.” Another important point too, is this: G. O. 7th May, 1880, gave permission to the regiment to have the motto *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum*,” and the regiment's paper, &c., bears same motto; and, if I mistake not, the motto upon the colors reads “*Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum*.” Which is correct?

Yours truly,

A FORMER ADJUTANT OF 6TH.

### THE RECORDS OF THE SIXTH FUSILIERS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—Press of business has until now prevented me taking notice of a letter in your issue of 30th June, 1887, signed “A Former Adjutant of the 6th.” If omissions there are in the records of the 6th, it is due to former adjutants, and if I don't greatly mistake, principally to the one who attempts to put me right. I think sir, that every thing material has been stated in the records. It is not usual, I believe, to put on record such things as an officer of a corps acting as galloper, even though it be to a Governor-General. As for the reconnoissance ordered by the Brigade (Imperial) Office, Montreal, it could not have been of much importance, else others beside a paymaster and a half-fledged ensign would have been appointed to conduct it.

No annoyance is felt by me in the attempt made to put me right, as anyone who knows “a former adjutant of the 6th,” would hardly be guilty of any feeling of that kind towards him.

R. G. PETTIGREW,  
Captain and Adjutant 6th Fusiliers.

Montreal, 11th July, 1887.

## Queries and Replies.

Q. Can the colors be taken from a sergeant without a court martial?

A. They may, in accordance with par. 260 R. & O., 1883, which reads as follows: “When a non-commissioned officer commits an offence which in the opinion of his commanding officer requires the cancelling of the appointment of such non-commissioned officer, or of his reduction, the case must be referred to headquarters.”

The submission of the commanding officer's decision for consideration at headquarters serves as a protection against the non-commissioned officers' suffering as the result of local jealousy or other unworthy causes.—ED.

## Regimental Intelligence.

We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?

**Halifax.**—The ball given by the officers of the York and Lancaster regiment at the Wellington barracks on the 5th inst., was a brilliant affair. The dancing hall and sitting rooms were beautifully decorated, and the supper table was one of the most elaborate ever set in Halifax. Dancing commenced at 9.30 and continued till nearly 4 o'clock in the morning. Supper was served at 12 o'clock. The programme consisted of 22 dances, the music being furnished by the band of the regiment. The list of invited guests included the Lieut.-Governor, Mr. and Mrs. Richey; Lord and

Lady Russell, Vice-Admiral Lyons, officers H.M.S. *Bellerophon*, officers H.M.S. *Canada*, officers H.M.S. *Pylades*, Capt. Chester and officers U.S. ship *Galena*, Capt. Humanne and officers *Clorinde*, the officers of the garrison and of the local corps; and a large number of other leading residents of the city and neighborhood.

**Ottawa.**—Pte. Macdonald, of No. 5 Co. of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, died on Saturday night, of typhoid fever, after a very brief illness. This is the first loss by death sustained by the company since it was reorganized and recruited from New Edinburgh ward last spring.

**London.**—Adjutant Bryne, of the 7th, has had summonses issued against Geo. W. Pitt, W. C. Noble, R. W. Travers, Geo. Hayes and Joseph O'Rourke for neglecting to attend the annual drill of the battalion. These will be the first cases of the kind brought before the present police magistrate. The law provides a penalty of \$5 per day for privates and \$10 for officers for each drill neglected and there are twelve days charged against each of the defendants.

Color-Segts. O'Rourke, Anundson and Wm. Rowlands, of the 7th, are to have their colors taken away for failure to attend drill.

**Quebec.**—The cavalry school stables at the citadel, Quebec, were totally destroyed by fire on the night of Wednesday of last week. The horses of the troop perished, it being impossible to get them out after the alarm was given. How the fire, which started in the stables, originated, appears to be a mystery, but once having got headway it is not a matter of surprise that it swept the whole row before being conquered. The stables were temporary but substantial wooden structures built over the casemates. A large quantity of tackle and equipment was destroyed. The loss will be heavy, but it has been very greatly overestimated. The men of the cavalry corps greatly deplore the loss of the horses, which had become marvellously well trained in their drill. Trooper Harrison, the sentry on duty in the stables when the fire broke out, has been examined concerning its cause and denies that he had been smoking or had lit a match for any purpose.

**Montreal.**—The 6th Fusiliers were inspected on Saturday, 9th inst., the inspection taking place on the military grounds, St. Helen's Island. The battalion mustered at the armory, the parade state showing 301 of all ranks and 4 horses; this includes officers, bands, signallers, ambulance detachment and pioneers. Having arrived on the island line was formed, and the D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee, who was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B.M., was received with a “general salute.” The inspecting officer ordered open column to be formed, and proceeded to inspect the battalion by companies, after which the march past took place. Both the column and quarter column was done, and in good style. Several battalion movements were performed under command of the commanding officer, Majors Mooney and Gray, and Capts. Burland and Engelke, all being executed in a very satisfactory manner. The greater portion of the time was taken up in the attack formations. The three leading companies were extended by half companies forming their own supports, the remainder of the battalion being the reserve. Towards the end of the attack the reserve reinforced the fighting line, the whole terminating in a charge. The signallers gave a sample of what they could do, the D.A.G. and B.M. being well satisfied that they were up to their work. The D.A.G. expressed himself as being highly pleased at the drill and appearance of the battalion, their accoutrements and clothing being exceedingly clean and well put on. The splendid band of the corps came in for a full share of credit, and it deserves it. The drums and fifes also had their admirers, and a tidier lot of young fellows it would be hard to find. The ambulance detachment had only one case to attend to and got it on its feet almost immediately. The pioneers, a fine stalwart body of fellows, looked well in their white pipe-clayed aprons and gauntlets. The body of the battalion is composed of as fine a lot of men as any to be seen throughout the Dominion, and if cause be ever given, there's no doubt that there will be no backward steps taken by the 6th. The officers present were Lieut.-Col. Marsey, Majors Mooney and Gray, Captains Paterson, Burland, Denison, Virtue, Lighthall and Engelke, Lieuts. Ross, Stanway, Vidal, Chambers and Elliott, 2nd. Lieuts. Smith and Dickson, Capt. and Adj. Pettigrew, Paymaster Capt. Seath, Qr.-Mr. Capt. McLaren and Assist.-Surg. Hutchinson.

## The Target.

**Ottawa.**—The eighth spoon competition of the Guards' rifle association took place on Saturday, the 9th inst. The conditions were unfavorable, a strong gusty wind prevailing. The principal scores were as follows:

Sergt. McCarthy, No. 5 (1st spoon) 29 22 20 80	Pte. Fairweather, No. 1 29 22 10 61
Pte. Morrison, No. 4 (2nd spoon) 28 22 22 72	Sergt. Ross, No. 3 29 17 14 63
Sergt. Codd, No. 4 25 21 19 65	Corpl. Strouger, No. 5 28 23 0 63
Corpl. Carroll, No. 4 26 17 20 63	S.-Sergt. Dawson 24 17 18 59
L. Corpl. Watts, No. 1 29 24 10 63	S.-Sergt. Cawdon 24 21 11 56

The Ottawa Rifle Club's ninth spoon competition was held on Saturday last, 9th inst., the shooting being with the Snider Rifles at Queen's ranges. It is optional with members whether or not they enter for the spoons when they shoot with the club. In this instance the second scorer had not entered and the second spoon therefore goes to the third on the list:

Capt. J. Wright (dessert spoon) 29 24 23 76	F. C. Lightfoot 29 25 12 63
R. H. Brown 26 30 17 73	Lieut. H. H. Gray 29 22 12 63
N. Morrison (tea spoon) 28 22 22 72	Lieut. S. M. Rogers 27 27 5 63
F. W. Smith 27 25 20 72	J. P. Nutting 22 12 21 61
W. A. Jamieson 29 19 19 67	J. H. Fairweather 29 22 10 61
T. W. Hardy 28 23 14 65	J. H. Ellis 25 15 17 57
T. Carroll 26 17 20 63	Capt. Cox 25 23 9 57
E. D. Sutherland 23 22 15 63	J. F. Junkin 25 15 12 52

**Halifax.**—The annual shooting of the Halifax garrison artillery took place at Bedford range on the 5th inst. The weather was favorable for good shooting, but poor scores were the order of the day. Corpl. McLeod and Lieut. Fairbanks tied for the Dominion Association medal for the highest aggregate, and will have to fire off. The following is a record of the scores made:

**FIRST MATCH; 200 AND 400 YARDS; 7 ROUNDS.**

\$5 Capt. A. Anderson..... 57	\$2 Lt. Dimock..... 44
4 Lieut. J. P. Fairbanks..... 55	1 Capt. J. E. Curren..... 43
3 Corpl. McLeod..... 54	1 Gr. J. Anderson..... 43
3 Gr. Campbell..... 51	1 B. Sergt. Melvin..... 41
3 Sergt. J. Spencer..... 51	1 Sergt. Moody..... 41
2 Gr. Bayers..... 51	1 Sergt. West..... 41
2 Gr. B. Smith..... 51	1 Gr. Letson..... 40
2 Corpl. McEachern..... 50	1 Gr. McDonald..... 40
2 Gr. Wilson..... 49	1 Sergt. Carroll..... 40
2 Capt. H. Harris..... 48	1 Gr. Fader..... 40
2 Gr. Milbury..... 47	1 Capt. Duncan..... 40
2 Gr. E. Spence..... 47	1 Sergt. Gamble..... 40
2 Lt. E. Adams..... 45	1 Gr. Umlah..... 40
2 Gr. Morgan..... 44	

**SECOND MATCH; 200, 400 AND 500 YARDS; 7 ROUNDS.**

Bland medal and \$6—Sergt. S. Case..... 73	\$2 Lieut. Dimock..... 58
\$5 Gr. Letson..... 70	2 Gr. Morgan..... 58
4 Gr. Byers..... 70	1 Bomb. Theakston..... 57
3 Gr. Wilson..... 69	1 Capt. Harris..... 57
3 Corpl. McLeod..... 69	1 Gr. B. Smith..... 56
3 Sergt. West..... 68	1 Lieut. Maxwell..... 55
3 Lt. Fairbanks..... 68	1 Gr. Anderson..... 55
2 Sergt. Gamble..... 66	1 Sergt. Moody..... 55
2 Capt. Curren..... 63	1 Corpl. Cunningham..... 54
2 Lt. Adams..... 63	1 Corpl. Snow..... 53
2 H. Sergt. Melvin..... 62	1 Gr. Faulkner..... 53
2 S. M. Harris..... 61	1 Gr. Campbell..... 52
2 Gr. Fader..... 59	1 Gr. Tough..... 52
2 Sergt. Spencer..... 59	1 Gr. Spence..... 52
2 Qr. Mr. Sergt. Murray..... 59	1 Major Purcell..... 52

**CONSOLATION MATCH.**

\$3.50 G. McDonald..... 22	\$1 Lieut. Bland..... 12
3 Bandsman Curtis..... 22	1 Gr. Campbell..... 9
2.50 Sergt. Hunt..... 17	1 Gr. Cook..... 8
2 Sergt. Robinson..... 14	1 Lieut. Newman..... 8
1 Capt. Merlin..... 14	1 Corpl. Thornton..... 8

**TEAM MATCH.**

\$6 No. 1 battery..... 138	\$3 No. 5 battery..... 108
5 No. 6 "..... 118	3 No. 7 "..... 106
4 No. 3 "..... 109	2 No. 7 "..... 10

**Gleanings.**

A correspondent from the camp of No. 4 district writes to a local paper:—"All the company are in the best of spirits, owing to the efficiency of our officers, and to the liberality of the council in supplying the men with butter." A simple but irresistible combination.

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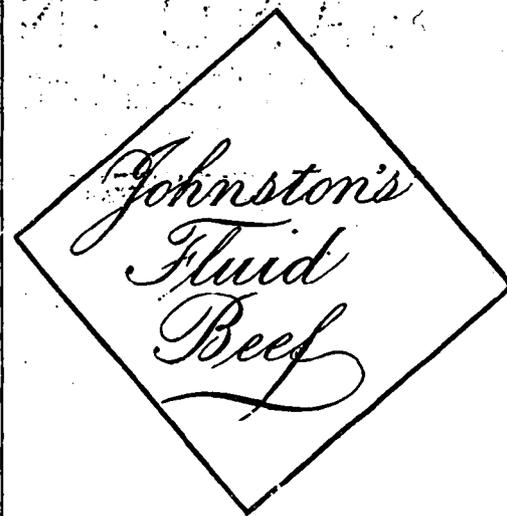
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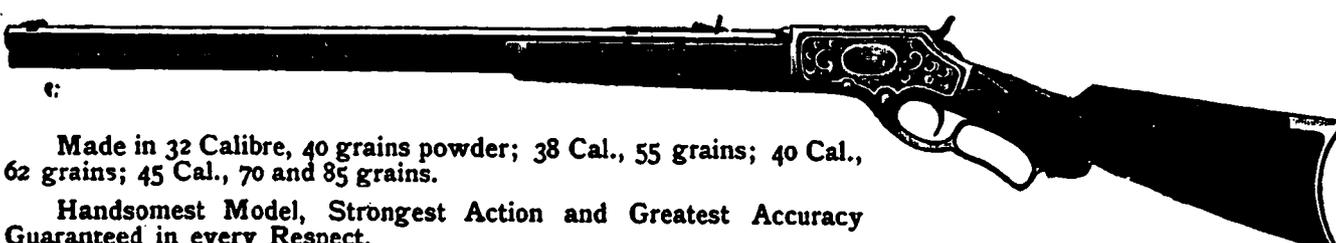
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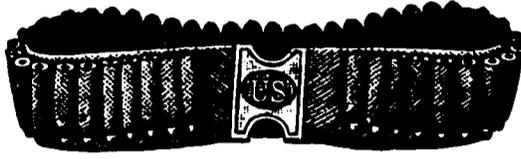
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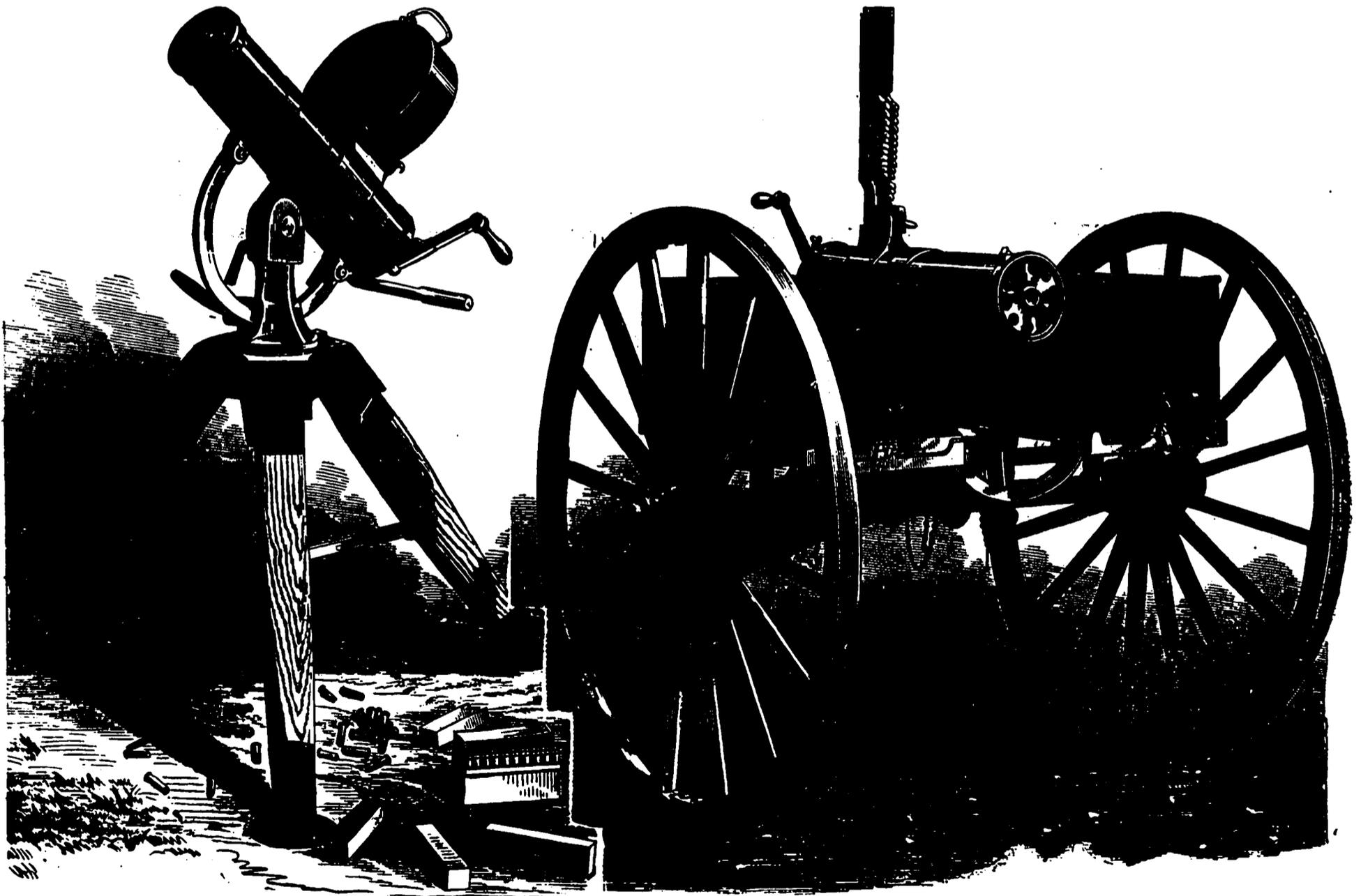
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